

WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1961



July 1962.

To the Chairman & Councillors of the
 Winslow Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor for the year 1961.

The Birth Rate shows a slight drop from that of the previous year but still compares favourably with that of England and Wales.

The Death Rate which shows a slight rise on 1960 still remains nearly two points below that for England and Wales. Of the total of 117 deaths, Heart and Allied Diseases and Cancer accounted for 83.

The Infantile Mortality Rate shows a rise on the previous year. There were three deaths in this group of which two were under the age of four weeks.

In the realm of Infectious Diseases an epidemic of measles occurred throughout the country. In the Winslow Area 110 cases were notified. Apart from this, very few cases were notified.

I took over the appointment as your Medical Officer of Health from Dr. Sims-Roberts on the 1st January 1962 and I submit this report on his behalf.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. Waldron

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1960

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. J. T. C. Sims-Roberts, M.B.Ch.B.
 M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
 Barrister at Law.

Public Health Inspector & Surveyor Mr. N. J. Shipp, M.A.P.H.I.
 Additional Public Health Inspector Mr. D. A. Keen, C.R.S.I.
 Public Health Clerk Mrs. F. V. Anderson.

VITAL STATISTICS

							1960	1961
<u>Births</u>								
Live Births:	Legitimate	Males	..	..			58	57
		Females	..	..			54	51
		Total	..	..			112	108
	Illegitimate	Males	..	..			6	4
		Females	..	..			3	4
		Total	..	..			9	8
Still Births:	Legitimate	Males	..	..			1	-
		Females	..	..			1	2
		Total	..	..			2	2
	Illegitimate	Males	..	..			-	-
		Females	..	..			-	-
		Total	..	..			-	-
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population							15.37	14.54
Birth rate (corrected)							17.37	16.43
Birth rate (live and still) per 1,000 estimated population ..							15.63	14.79
Birth rate for England and Wales							17.1	17.4
<u>Deaths</u>								
Deaths:	Males						59	51
	Females						50	66
	Total						109	117
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population							13.85	14.66
Death rate (standardised)							9.1	10.26
Death rate for England and Wales							11.5	12.0
<u>Infant Mortality</u>								
Deaths of Infants under one year of age:								
	Legitimate	Males	..	..			2	1
		Females	..	..			-	2
		Total	..	..			2	3
	Illegitimate	Males	..	..			-	-
		Females	..	..			-	-
		Total	..	..			-	-
Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age:								
	Legitimate	Males	..	..			1	1
		Females	..	..			-	1
		Total	..	..			1	2
	Illegitimate	Males	..	..			-	-
		Females	..	..			-	-
		Total	..	..			-	-
Deaths of Infants per 1,000 births							16.53	25.86
Deaths of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ..							17.86	27.78
Deaths of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births							-	-

Miscellaneous

Area (in acres)	.. .. .. .	36,436
Population	.. .. .	7,980
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December 1961		2,688
according to Rate Book	.. .. .
Rateable Value	.. .. .	£72,474
Sum represented by penny rate	.. .. .	£285

Analysis of Deaths

Measles	.. .. .	1
Malignant Neoplasms	.. .. .	9
Other Malignant Neoplasms	.. .. .	15
Diabetes	.. .. .	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	.. .. .	20
Coronary Disease (Angina)	.. .. .	20
Hypertension with Heart Disease	.. .. .	2
Other Heart Diseases	.. .. .	17
Other Circulatory Disease	.. .. .	2
Influenza	.. .. .	2
Pneumonia	.. .. .	6
Bronchitis	.. .. .	7
Other diseases of respiratory system	.. .. .	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	.. .. .	3
Other defined and ill defined diseases	.. .. .	10
	TOTAL	<u>117</u>

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

During the year 117 cases were notified.

					<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	
Scarlet Fever	Males	..	..	..	..	6	2
	Females	..	..	..	..	7	1
	Total	..	..	..	..	13	3
Measles	Males	..	..	..	..	9	48
	Females	..	..	..	..	22	62
	Total	..	..	..	..	31	110
Food Poisoning	Males	..	..	..	..	1	-
	Females	..	..	..	..	-	1
	Total	..	..	..	..	1	1
Tuberculosis	Males	..	..	..	..	1	1
	Females	..	..	..	..	-	-
	Total	..	..	..	..	1	1
Pneumonia	Males	..	..	..	..	-	1
	Females	..	..	..	..	-	1
	Total	..	..	..	..	-	2

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Hospitals

During the year the Royal Bucks, Tindal General and Stoke Mandeville Hospitals have provided accommodation for surgical and medical cases whilst the isolation hospital continued to admit persons suffering from infectious disease.

Stoke Mandeville Hospital also provided accommodation for paraplegic cases

The above hospitals which are situated in the Borough of Aylesbury are administered by the Royal Buckinghamshire and Associated Hospitals Management Committee who are responsible to the Oxford Regional Hospital Board.

Pathological Specimens

The majority of specimens for examination are submitted to the Pathology Laboratory, Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The services of the Public Health Laboratories at Luton and Oxford are utilised whenever necessary.

Ambulance Services

The ambulance services in the area are the responsibility of the Bucks County Council. Sixteen ambulances are stationed in the Borough of Aylesbury for use in the town and surrounding districts. Included in this number are five sitting case ambulances. The majority of long distance journeys are carried out by train, stretcher cases being accommodated in reserved compartments. All casualty cases are dealt with at the Royal Bucks Hospital.

Maternity and Child Welfare

This service is controlled by the Bucks County Council.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at Great Horwood, Stewkley and Winslow, and a Mobile Centre visits Mursley, Newton Longville, Shenley and Swanbourne.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation

The Bucks County Council being the Local Health Authority as defined by the National Health Service Act 1946 administer this service.

Treatment of Venereal Disease

A Venereal Disease Clinic is held regularly at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, where free treatment is given. This clinic is administered by the Aylesbury and District Hospital Management Committee.

National Assistance Act, 1948 Section 47

Removal of persons in need of Care and Attention

During the year it was not found necessary to remove anyone to hospital under the above Act.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

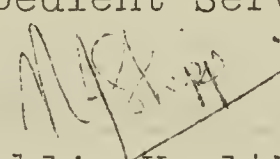
I have the honour to present my report for the year 1961. During the year there were no great changes in the sanitary circumstances of the district and all the services operated by the Council have been running smoothly.

I would thank the Chairman of the Public Health Committee and all members for their continued help and co-operation in matters dealing with this department.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,


Surveyor & Public Health Inspector.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Existing Sewers and Disposal Works

All the Council's works have continued to function satisfactorily during the year. The position at Newton Longville remained very difficult owing to overloading and towards the end of the year it was agreed that a full report on the sewerage arrangements for the whole village be sought from the Council's Consulting Engineers owing to the rapid growth expected.

Swanbourne, Mursley and Stewkley (North End) Scheme

This scheme was started during the year and good progress was made by the Contractor.

Nash Scheme

A report on Nash was considered by the Council and it was agreed to proceed with the preparation of a scheme for the whole village.

Adoption of Sewer

The following sewer was adopted during the year:-

Westbrook End, Newton Longville545'0" or thereabouts.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The fortnightly collection service was fully maintained during the year despite increased loadings. The new estates and isolated dwellings which continue to be erected are making it extremely difficult to keep to the rota and regular overtime working will no doubt have to be introduced again in due course.

The frequent hire of a bulldozer at the tip continued and the necessity for this will increase as the tip becomes more full.

Street Cleansing - Winslow

The only highways cleansed by the Council are as follows and these together with the Market Square are done at the latter end of each week:-

- (a) High Street
- (b) Station Road
- (c) Buckingham Road
- (d) Sheep Street
- (e) Horn Street

Salvage

The value of salvage during the year amounted to

Paper	86 - 5 - 4	(Rates)
Metals	51 - 14 - 7	(Housing)

HOUSING

Improvement Grants (Discretionary and Standard)

During the year the Council agreed to make discretionary grants totalling £1,882 - 10 - 0 and standard grants to a maximum of £4065.

	<u>Discretionary</u>	<u>Standard</u>
(a) Number of applications received	5.	33
(b) Number of applications approved	5.	33.
(c) Number of applications refused	-	-
(d) Number of applications withdrawn	-	-

All properties which were the subject of discretionary grant applications were inspected by a Sub-Committee and each case was thoroughly investigated.

Council Houses

The number of houses owned by the Council at the end of the year was as follows:-

Pre-War	233
Post War	376
Total	609

The maintenance of these houses continues to be one of the major functions of my department taking up the biggest proportion of time. The defects and other jobs reported and dealt with during the year number well over a thousand and these vary in size from a job taking a matter of minutes to one taking several days. At the present time defects etc. are being reported at an average rate of about four per day.

Unfit Houses

- (a) Number of houses demolished during the year 12.
- (b) Number of houses closed during the year 2.

RODENT CONTROL

General Inspections and Treatments

During the year the following inspections and treatments were carried out:-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Treatments</u>
Local Authority Properties	84	31.
Dwellinghouses ..	946	190.
Agricultural Properties	194	10.
Business Premises	42	6.

Sewer Treatments

During the year the sewers in the district were treated as follows:-

- (a) 10% Testing carried out in April.
- (b) First Maintenance Treatment carried out in May.
- (c) Second Maintenance Treatment carried out in November.

Generally speaking the sewers in parts of the district are only slightly infested.

FOOD

Two licensed slaughterhouses operated in the district during the year and both these closed on the 30th June 1961.

During the year visits were made and the number of animals inspected and amount of meat condemned is shown in the table set out below:-

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	13	-	19	191	107	-
Number inspected	13	-	19	191	107	-
<u>All diseases</u> <u>except T.B. &</u> <u>Cysticercus</u> Whole varcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	2	-	-
Percentage of number inspected with disease	-	-	-	1.05%	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis ONLY</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs	Horses
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	2	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.87%	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u> Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total meat and offal unfit for human consumption 32-lbs.

WATER SUPPLIES

Water supply throughout the district is the responsibility of the Bucks Water Board and I am indebted to them for the following information.

1. Supply throughout the district has been at all times satisfactory as regards both quantity and quality.
2. Regular samples of water were taken during the year and the results of these indicated that the water supplied conformed to the high standard of that required by any public supply authority.
3. There is no tendency to plumbo-solvency.

All parishes in the district are supplied with water from public mains and apart from a few isolated farms and other properties the majority of the population are served.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		Occupiers prosecuted (5)
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	5	-	-

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	15	8	-	-
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	22	13	-	-

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

